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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other
Restrictions Imposed Under
Discretionary Authority.

Approved:

Marianne Peak, Superintendent

Date: June 30, 2014

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries Adams National Historical Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Title 36 CFR Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

36 CFR § 1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Park Locations:

Visitor Center, Presidents Place, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA
Park Headquarters, 181 Adams Street, Quincy, MA
Adams Birthplaces, 131-141 Franklin Street, Quincy, MA
Old House at Peace field, 135 Adams Street, Quincy, MA

Hours of Operation:

The Visitor Center, Adams Birthplaces & Old House are open 7 days a week, including federal holidays, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Eastern Standard Time from April 19 to November 10; November 12 to April 18 the Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and closed on federal holidays.
Park Headquarters is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, year round, except for federal holidays.

- *These visiting hours were determined to be in the best interests of the park and are necessary for the proper management of the park.*

Public Use Limits:

Tours of the John Adams and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces and the Old House at Peace field are given on a first come, first served basis. Reservations are preferred for groups of 8 or more.

Oversized pocketbooks, large bags, and backpacks are never permitted in the historic houses and may not be left unattended at any time at Adams NHP. The park does not have storage facilities. It is advised that these items be left in your vehicle or hotel. CK

Space is limited along the historic tour route. Reservations for larger tour groups help to ensure public safety, the orderly management of the park, and the preservation of historic and cultural resources.

Closures:

Seasonal closures may be established and will be identified on the park's website.

The park is closed to the following activities:

Camping. *This closure is necessary as there are no camping facilities within the park.*

Picnicking. *This closure without a permit is necessary to protect natural resources and to prevent interference with park operations. Park will consider a Special Use Permit for school groups.*

Ice Skating. *This closure is necessary to ensure visitor safety.*

Bicycle use. The park does not have bike paths and includes a historic orchard, class A turf and formal garden, not conducive to bicycle/recreational use.

- **(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:**

Passenger Carrying Diesel-Fueled Vehicles:

Engines must be shut down when not underway.

This restriction is necessary to prevent unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.

Hiking & Pedestrian Use:

Hiking and walking are restricted to park paths and walkways. See also 36 CFR § 2.1(b).

- **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

- Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

Individuals and organizations wishing to apply for a permit should contact the Park's Special Use Coordinator for more information and application. Contact information:

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36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the park's paths or walkway as listed in 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

- **Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), the following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or possession and consumption restrictions: Don't think we should encourage personal consumption (spraying FDA...)**
 - Nuts, including beech nuts and horse chestnuts, and edible fungi can be gathered in the amount of one liter/quart per person per day.
- *This allowance is made based on a determination that the gathering or consumption of small quantities of nuts and fungi will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

36CFR §2.11 -- PICNICKING

- *Picnicking is prohibited without a permit in the park pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document. School groups may apply for a Special Use Permit for picnicking.*

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

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- **(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**
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- **(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in nondeveloped areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**
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- **(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

36CFR §2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited.

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36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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- **(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, swimming beaches, and the following structures and/or areas is prohibited:**

- Pets, including service dogs, must be restrained on a leash at all times while walking the grounds.

(a)(2) Failing to crate, cage, restrain on a leash, or otherwise physically confine a pet at all times is prohibited. Pets may not roam freely in the park.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet owners must remove and properly dispose of all solid pet excrement. Failure to do so may force the park to prohibit dog walking within the 13 acres of park boundaries.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent (d)NPS Policy Memorandum 14-05 defines the use of authority under 36 CFR 1.5 that prohibits use of unmanned aircraft within the park. To date, no permits have been issued by the Superintendent. The Associate Director of NPS must approve any new special use permits authorizing the use of unmanned aircraft (drones). The National Park Service may use unmanned aircraft for administrative purposes such as search and rescue, fire operations and scientific study. These uses must also be approved by the Associate Director for Visitor and Resource Protection.

Authority: 36CFR 1.5

Definition: The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands, and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Adams National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Although there use remains relatively infrequent across the National Park System, this new use has the potential to cause noise, impact viewsheds, and disturbing wildlife. Recent incidences at Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial support the need for the required closures to enable a proper evaluation of this new use. These closures are a necessary, interim measure while this new use can be properly evaluated.

NPS regulations do not specifically address launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft. The prohibition on operating or using an aircraft in 36 CFR 2.17(a)(1) does not apply to unmanned aircraft because the definition of “aircraft” in 36 CFR 1.4 is limited to devices used or intended to be used for human flight. Further, section 2.17(a)(3) could be construed to apply only to unmanned aircraft when used to deliver or retrieve an object from NPS administered lands. Exhibit A of this Policy Memorandum lists other regulations in 36 CFR that may apply to the use of unmanned aircraft under certain circumstances.

36CFR §2.18(c) – SNOWMOBILES

(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited. The historic homes cannot accommodate segways or motorized chairs and assistance vehicles. The park provides non-motorized wheelchairs for loan at the Birthplaces and Old House at *Peace field*.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, buildings, structures and/or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- Smoking is prohibited throughout the park. Park staff is encouraged to smoke off-site and has a designated area for smoking when that is not possible.

This restriction is intended to reduce any possible conflict between users and the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and to protect park structures from fire danger or smoke. This prohibition is consistent with Federal law.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Leaving property unattended is prohibited. Oversized and large bags and backpacks are not permitted in the historic houses and may not be left unattended at any time at Adams NHP. Strollers are not permitted inside the historic homes.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees and/or permits, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following areas and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- Adams National Historical Park is part of the Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program.
- All visitors 16 years and older are charged a \$5.00 entrance fee. Children under 16 years of age and school groups are admitted free.
- Annual passes are available for a fee of \$10.00
- The entrance fee includes travel to the historic homes via a trolley bus.
- As a federal fee area the Interagency Annual Pass, Interagency Senior Pass, Interagency Access Pass, and Interagency Volunteer Pass are accepted

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following areas and facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted on site. A Special Use Permit must be filed for consideration of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a Special Event.

36 CFR §2.37 – NON-COMMERCIAL SOLICITING

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- **Front lawn at the Beale Estate.**

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(a), (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- No public access or roads exist throughout the park.
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36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) The use of bicycles is prohibited in the park pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.

(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

(c) Commercial photography on-site is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES

Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.

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